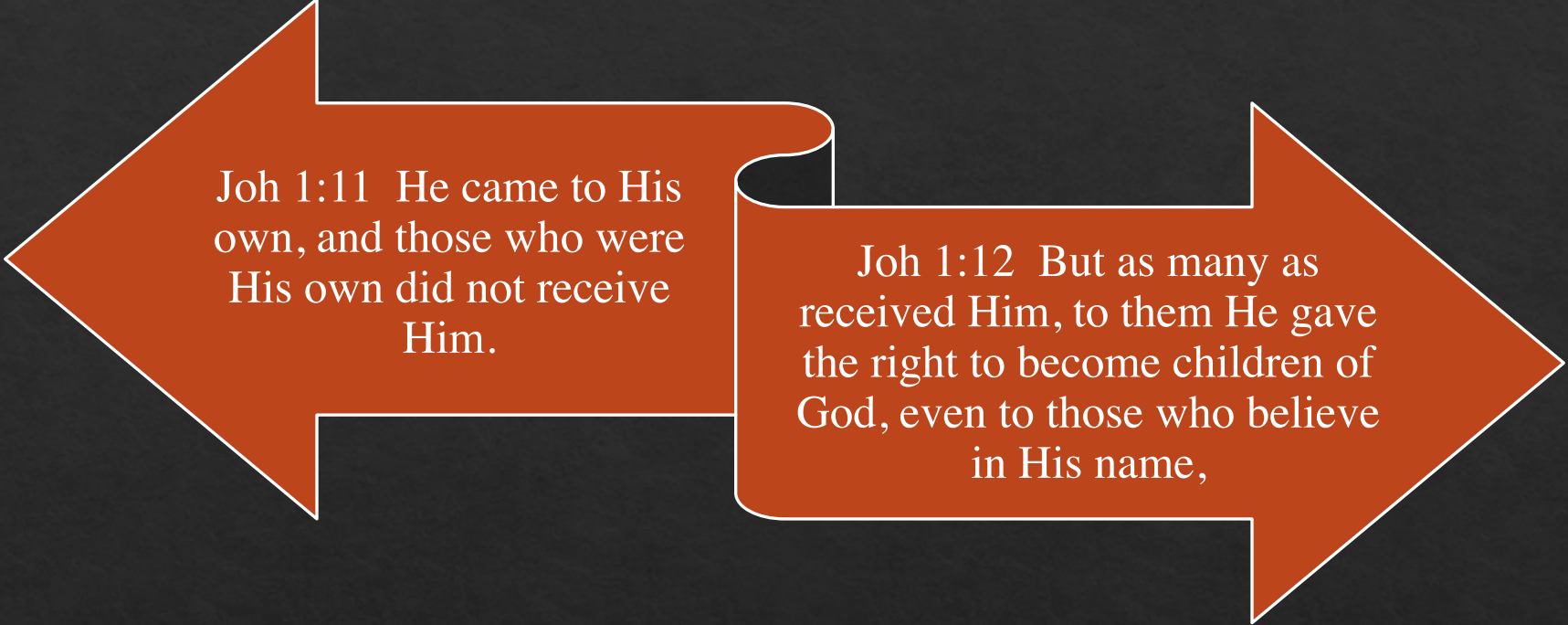


“... those who were His own did
not receive Him...”

John 1:11

John Chapters 8-10



Joh 1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

Ch 1-12

- 5:16 ... Jews were persecuting Jesus...
- 5:18 ... Jews were seeking kill Him...
- 6:66 ... many disciples withdrew ...
- 7:5 ... not even His brothers were believing...
- 7:30... they sought to seize Him...
- 8:30 ... many believed in Him...
- 8:52 ... You have a demon...
- 8:59... they picked up stones...

Ch 13-17

- Ch 13-17 Lord's supper

Law vs. Grace

The Woman Caught in Adultery (Jn 8:1-11)

◊ Observations:

- ◊ Jesus is in Jerusalem – Feast of Booths
- ◊ The feast of booths has just concluded (7:2,37)
- ◊ Jesus may have spent the night at the Mt. of Olives (8:1)
- ◊ It's “early in the morning”, “in the temple”, a crowd has gathered (8:2)
- ◊ The woman (not the man) is placed “... in the center of the court...” (8:3)

◊ Considerations:

- ◊ “... he who is without sin ...” cf Matt 7:5 “... take the log out of your own eye ...”
- ◊ Jesus could have thrown the first stone.
- ◊ The “older ones” left first.
- ◊ Embrace the forgiveness of Jesus (1 Jn 1:9)

Then Jesus said: “I am the Light of the world”^{v12}

Light of the world discourse (Jn 8:12-59)

◊ Observations:

- ◊ Feast of booths or tabernacles “the holiest and greatest”*
- ◊ At night, temple illumined by “great Candelabras that burned in the Court of the Women”*
- ◊ “I am the Light of the world” (Jn 8:12), not “a light”, but “the Light”.
 - ◊ Joh_1:9 There was the **true Light** which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
 - ◊ 1Jn_2:8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the **true Light** is already shining.
- ◊ Pharisees argue based on Jesus testimony of himself.

◊ Considerations:

- ◊ One of 7 “I am” statements in John
- ◊ Following Jesus – repeated theme in gospels (cf: Jn 10:27)
- ◊ Promise: “not walk in darkness but have the Light of life”

* Alfred Edersheim, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah

The 7 “I am” statements of John

1. “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51).
2. “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12; 9:5).
3. “I am the door” (John 10:7 and 9, ESV).
4. “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11, 14).
5. “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25).
6. “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6).
7. “I am the true vine” (John 15:1, 5)

The **EARLY LIFE** of Jesus

His virgin conception, the nativity details, historical dating and baptism

The **TITLES** of Jesus

“Christ,” “Mediator,” “High Priest,” and many more

The **TEACHING** of Jesus

His Divine wisdom, parables, teachings, and sermons in detail

The **NATURE** of Jesus

His full Deity and fully human nature

The **MINISTRY** of Jesus

His sinless nature, travels and gathering of disciples

The **MIRACLES** of Jesus

Healing the sick, raising the dead, commanding nature

The **MISSION** of Jesus

His role as Savior, Redeemer, and leader of the Church

THE **DISCIPLES** and Jesus

Their names and extensive descriptions of their interaction

The **PREACHING** of Jesus

His preaching in Galilee and the Sermon on the Mount

The **ASCENSION** of Jesus

His ascension and position in heaven with God the Father

The **CRUCIFIXION** of Jesus

Extensive details about the trial, beating and execution

The **RESURRECTION** of Jesus

The empty tomb, His resurrection appearances and teaching over forty days



Then Jesus said: “I am from above” v23

Light of the world discourse (Jn 8:12-59)

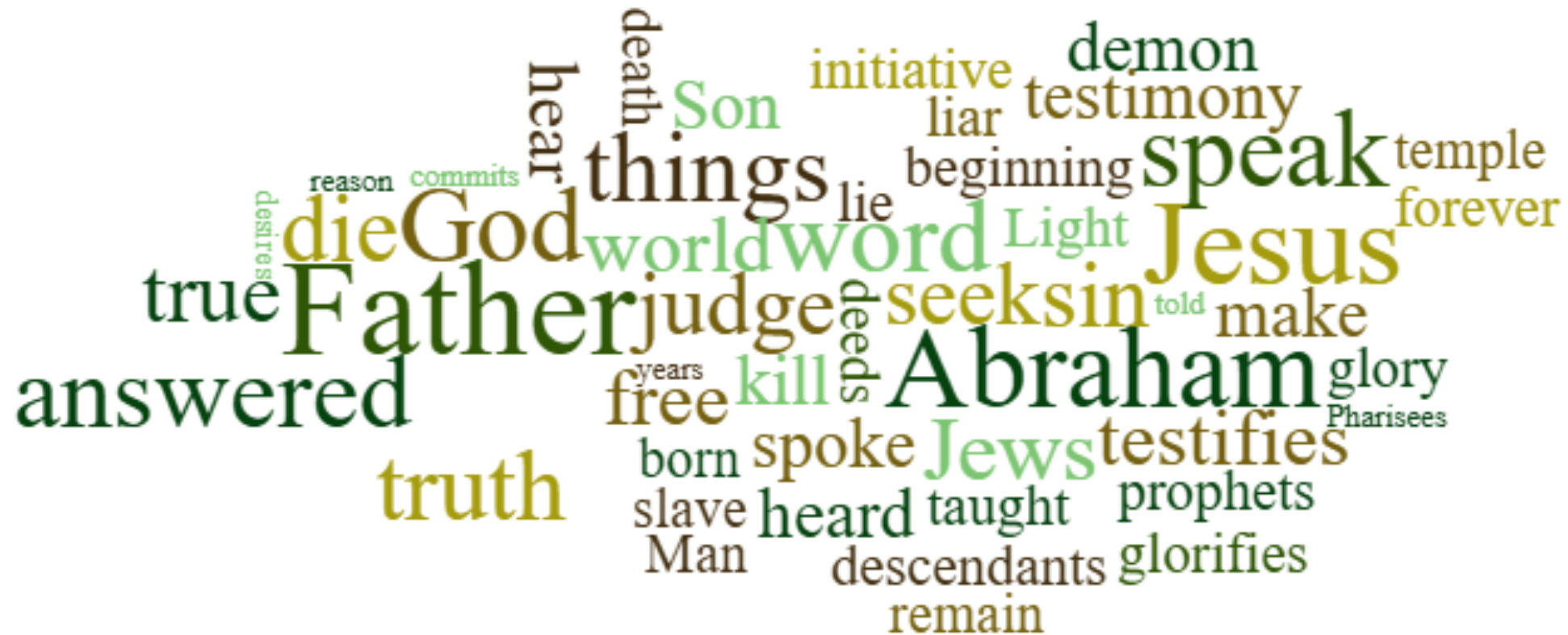
◇ Observations:

- ◇ Joh 8:23-25 And He was saying to them, "**You are from below, I am from above**; you are of this world, I am not of this world. (24) "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." (25) So they were saying to Him, "**Who are You?**" Jesus said to them, "What have I been saying to you from the beginning?"
- ◇ Joh 3:30-31 "He must increase, but I must decrease. (31) "He who **comes from above is above all**, he who is **of the earth is from the earth** and speaks of the earth. He who **comes from heaven is above all**.

◇ Considerations:

- ◇ There is another world, “an above”
- ◇ We will do well to listen to Him who is from above.
- ◇ There is a warning, alternative: “unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins”. It all pivots on embracing who Jesus is (v24)

Jews were saying “Who are you?”



Then Jesus said: “you will know the truth and the truth will make you free” v32

Light of the world discourse (Jn 8:12-59)

◇ Observations:

- ◇ Different audience “those who believed” v31, but theirs is a weak faith.
- ◇ There is such a thing as a “true disciple”
- ◇ Their characteristic is they continue in His word.
- ◇ There is a promise: to know and be set free by the truth
- ◇ V34 is the explanation: set free from bondage of sin

◇ Considerations:

- ◇ As a true disciple of Jesus, walk in His word



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Illegal Healing

The blind beggar healed by Jesus (Jn 9)

◇ Observations:

- ◇ “Rabbi, who sinned that he would be born blind”:

- A. This man

- B. His parents

- ◇ Sabbath Day

- ◇ Results speak for themselves: “... now here is an amazing thing.... “ v30

- ◇ cf v41 with Rev 3:17: Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked

◇ Considerations:

- ◇ Be careful of jumping to conclusions

- ◇ The strength and power of a testimony

- ◇ Retribution theology

The Good Shepherd

Figure of speech causes division among the Jews (Jn 10)

◊ Observations:

◊ The contrasts:

- ◊ He who enters by the door “shepherd” ≠ climbs up some other way “robber”
- ◊ I am the good shepherd “lays down His life for the sheep” ≠ hired hand sees the wolf coming and leaves
- ◊ The thief comes to steal kill and destroy ≠ I came that they might have life
- ◊ I lay down my life ≠ No one has taken it away from Me

◊ Expressions of the deity of Christ

- ◊ I and the Father are one v30
- ◊ I am the son of God v36

◊ Considerations:

- ◊ Let the apologetics of Christ’s work speak.